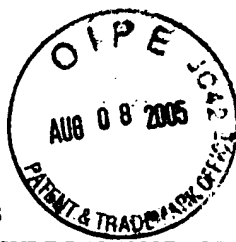


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated as mailed on July 13, 2005, and having a period of response extending through and including October 13, 2005, please make the below-identified amendments and consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.